

Republican Jewish Coalition, the Jewish Welfare Federation, the Jewish Agency, Council of Jewish Federations, United Israel Appeal, the American Jewish Committee, and the National Jewish Coalition.

Max was a self-made man who spent much of his life raising money for philanthropic and political endeavors and remained an active supporter of charitable and civic organizations. He was a major benefactor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, gave generously to Ohio State's College of Business, and helped found Detroit Renaissance, a nonprofit business roundtable aimed at improving conditions in the city and region.

Max also held 13 honorary degrees from educational institutions.

Max Fisher is survived by his wife, Marjorie Fisher; daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and D. Larry Sherman, Mary Fisher, Julie and Peter Cummings, Marjorie Fisher; son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Lauren Fisher; 2 sisters; 19 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Max was a humble man of strong principle, who consistently focused on doing what was right, without seeking fame or prestige. His optimism and positive mental attitude continually motivated those around him to overcome the challenges before them.

Therefore, I express my deepest condolences to his family, friends and admirers. And I also join in honoring Max Fisher for his diplomatic contributions, exceptional philanthropic achievements, boundless generosity, unwavering principle and integrity, and achieving great financial success while maintaining admirable humility.

#### HONORING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF THE 106TH AIR RESCUE WING

##### HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2005*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the heroic actions of the members of the 106th Air Rescue Wing. Over the past few days, the Northeast experienced torrential downpours causing massive flooding throughout Sussex County, New Jersey. The rain became so terrible that it washed out the only road connecting tiny Mashapacong Island to the mainland, stranding five residents. In response, Langley Air Force Base scrambled two Pave Hawk helicopters from the Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing, which is based at Gabreski Air Force Base in Westhampton, New York. Fortunately, the 106th was able to respond in time; not only did they rescue the five residents, they also rescued one nearby individual on his roof, along with a dog and a cat.

This is the most recent heroic rescue in the storied history of the 106th, and I am proud to commend the men and women of this unit for their selfless dedication to duty and the protection of those in need. The exploits of the members of the 106th were made famous following their actions depicted in the book "The Perfect Storm". More recently, during our ongoing conflict in Iraq, the pararescue specialists of the 106th played an integral role in rescuing two downed soldiers flying on the CH-47 Chinook helicopter that was shot down west of Baghdad in November of 2003.

As the only rescue unit of its kind in the Northeast, the 106th has once again proven its unique value to the safety and security of our region and our nation. Mr. Speaker, the 106th has proven its worth time and time again. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the brave men and women of the 106th Air Rescue Wing. I hope we can show that gratitude by letting them continue to serve and protect our nation.

#### HONORING BRAD PARKHURST

##### HON. JEB BRADLEY

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2005*

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Brad Parkhurst upon his retirement from Public Service of New Hampshire after 32 years of service.

Brad Parkhurst has had a long, distinguished career in public service. Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) is the Granite State's largest electric utility company and has over 1,200 employees. Brad stands out among them as a recipient of the PSNH Volunteer of the Year Award in 2001 and the PSNH Humanitarian Award in 2004. He received these and numerous other awards for his many contributions to PSNH.

Brad Parkhurst's commitment to the betterment of his community extends far beyond his work at PSNH. He has held many appointed and volunteer positions throughout his hometown of Merrimack, NH. Brad presently serves on the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and served as President of the Chamber from 2001 to 2003.

For the past 25 years, Brad has been an active member of the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of New Hampshire. Brad was the first-ever inductee into the Association's "Hall of Fame" in 2003 in recognition of his lifetime achievement in providing significant and lasting contributions to the New Hampshire housing industry.

Brad Parkhurst's service has transcended the borders of New Hampshire and the United States. Brad serves as Chair of the Riverside Christian Church Missionary Efforts program. Brad has led several teams to West Africa in efforts to provide medical, educational and nutritional aid to impoverished people. On his missions, Brad and his teams have also rehabilitated a children's orphanage, constructed a new home, and renovated a local church, school and library.

Brad has left a truly lasting impression on those he has touched with his work. I am honored to represent concerned and conscientious citizens like Brad in the U.S. House of Representatives. I wish Brad the best of luck in his well-deserved retirement.

#### VERMONT STUDENTS WORK TO END SWEATSHOP LABOR

##### HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 6, 2005*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I want to celebrate the remarkable work done by the young

Vermonters who participate in the Child Labor Education and Action group at Brattleboro Union High School. CLEA is a student-run group dedicated to community education around issues of sweatshop labor in the developing world. It examines the dark and inhumane side of globalization, doing extensive research and traveling to amass the real story on what globalization means for low-income workers who toil in third-world sweatshops. The students then take what they learn and share it with their community in a variety of ways. They have also organized student groups throughout Vermont to address the problems with global sweatshops.

Four years ago, over 20 CLEA members traveled to Guatemala to build a school. Last year, 13 CLEA members went to Nicaragua to learn about the effect of international trade policies on labor conditions in that country. Let me cite a brief report from one of those travelers, Sarah Maceda-Maciel:

When our plane touched down in Managua, our bags might have been stuffed with light cotton shirts and water bottles, but our heads were filled with numbers like 90,000—the number of Nicaraguan children who are not in school. Or 70 percent, the amount of Nicaraguans who live on less than two dollars a day. Or 6 billion dollars, the sum that Nicaragua has accumulated in foreign debt.

We found the harsh realities of life in the third world. There is something profoundly different between knowing that children are hungry and learning that eight year old children sniff glue to dull the knife of starvation. There is something profoundly different between knowing that maternity leave is not offered in sweatshops and learning that pregnant women are forced to work so hard that they end up having miscarriages in factory bathrooms.

The students returned from their trip determined to make a difference in how Americans view the harsh realities occasioned by free trade. In the words of Katherine Nopper, another CLEA member, "Within our school we hope to engage and inform our classmates on the issues of child labor, free trade, fair trade, and what it means to be part of a sweat-free campaign. And we will continue to present our message to other area schools."

This past year CLEA students have helped with the publication of a remarkable book, *Challenging Child Labor: Education and Youth Action to Stop the Exploitation of Children*. Several of the contributors are present and former CLEA members; other contributors include Senator TOM HARKIN, Charles Kernaghan of the National Labor Committee, Kailash Satyarthi of the Global March Against Child Labor, and Upala Devi Banerjee of the U.N. Development Fund for Women.

I admire the work CLEA does, and am continually impressed, year in and year out, by the dedication of these young people to making the world a better place. They see the whole world as their province; they also realize that speaking to their peers in school, speaking to the larger community in southern Vermont, is part of the struggle to create a world in which justice has a higher value than profit. These students represent what is best about American youth, just as their advisor, Tim Kipp, represents what is best about American teachers.

Combining learning with service, the international with the local, passion for justice with the willingness to work hard to achieve justice, the members of CLEA serve as a model, a

shining beacon, for what high school students can accomplish.

# TURKEY AND THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

## HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, as reported by Reuters recently, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is ready for a "political settling of accounts with history" provided that historians would prepare an unbiased study of claims that millions of Armenians were the victims of genocide under Ottoman rule during the First World War.

That accounting has already been done. A March 7, 2000 public declaration by 126 Holocaust Scholars affirmed the incontestable fact of the Armenian Genocide and urged Western democracies to officially recognize it.

This declaration by foremost scholars from around the world was adopted at the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Scholar's Conference on the Holocaust convening at St. Joseph University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 3-7, 2000. The petitioners, among whom is Nobel Laureate for Peace Elie Wiesel, also called upon Western democracies to urge the government and parliament of Turkey to finally come to terms with this dark chapter of Ottoman-Turkish history and to recognize the Armenian Genocide. According to this renowned gathering, Turkish acknowledgment would provide an invaluable impetus to that nation's democratization.

As part of the groundbreaking conference held in September 2000 by the Library of Congress and the Armenian National Institute in cooperation with the U.S. Holocaust Museum, the prestigious Cambridge University Press, early in 2004, released a vital new publication—"America and the Armenian Genocide of 1915." This edition covers all facets of the leading U.S. response to the Armenian Genocide, which encompassed the first international human rights movement in American history. Oxford University's Sir Martin Gilbert, Cambridge University's Jay Winter and more than a dozen American academics were among the participants in that landmark conference. In a keynote address, Sir Martin recalled that Rafael Lemkin, who developed the concept of genocide, derived the word itself from the atrocities inflicted on the Armenians.

Prime Minister Erdogan's apparent willingness for a political settling of accounts with history should be treated as an important opportunity for those who have been urging Turkey to come to terms with its Ottoman past. If Turkey is prepared to acknowledge the Armenian Genocide, then its leaders can proceed immediately to direct dialogue with its counterparts in Armenia to define a common vision for the future.

I also urge the government of Turkey to: decriminalize speech within Turkey, destroy all monuments, museums and public references to the specious notion that the Armenian minority committed genocide against the majority Turks, end denial within Turkey, specifically within textbooks and reference books, officially condemn any attacks against all Turks that acknowledge the facts of history, and end the

global campaign of threats against any nation that is in the process of affirming the Armenian Genocide.

By so doing, Turkey will begin the vital process of preparing its citizens for a more complete and honest assessment of the final acts of the Ottoman Turkish state. Facing history squarely will liberate Turkey.

# THE UNITED STATES MUST CONTINUE TO STAND WITH UKRAINE

## HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today in this chamber we heard a compelling voice for the power of freedom and democracy in President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine. Just a few months ago, the Ukrainian people stood up for genuine liberty in their country by peacefully demanding free and fair elections in what has become known as the Orange Revolution.

I am proud that the United States stood with the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians that demonstrated for democracy in the streets of Kiev. I will never forget last November 24th, when I joined nearly 1,500 Ukrainian-Americans from around the country at a demonstration in support of fair elections outside Ukraine's Embassy in Washington.

The Orange Revolution marked an important milestone in the history of Ukraine. President Yushchenko today addressed forcefully both the lessons of the past and fervent hopes for the future. Now that this peaceful revolution has been dramatically launched, we must stand with the people of Ukraine as they work to strengthen their democratic institutions and to make their country more prosperous. The U.S. should do more, not less, to help build a democratic and prosperous society in Ukraine.

In particular, we must end trade restrictions that were enacted for a different Ukraine at a different time. To achieve this result, I introduced H.R. 1170, a bill to extend permanent normal trade relations to Ukraine. The U.S. must work promptly for the admission of Ukraine to the WTO.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate President Yushchenko on his election and the Ukrainian people for their determination to decide the future of their country. I urge the House of Representatives to make sure that the United States continues to stand with Ukraine as a friend and ally.

# IN HONOR OF DR. JAMES POOLE

## HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James A. Poole, a longtime contributor to the Pacific Grove community. Dr. Poole served as a Navy Dentist at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and established a general dentistry practice in Pacific Grove. He was voted "Best Dentist" by Monterey Peninsula residents.

Born in Portland, Oregon, Dr. Poole attended Oregon State University as a member

of Phi Theta Delta. He obtained his degree in dentistry from the University of Oregon School of Dentistry.

Dr. Poole served in Vietnam as both a medical and dental officer for the United States Navy where he received the Rear Admiral's Citation for outstanding care and emergency service for the ship and field personnel. Dr. Poole also bravely established Military Outreach Programs in the form of dental clinics on nearby islands where he attended to the needs of local nationals.

"Painless Poole," as he was known by the Monterey Peninsula clients of his general practice office, also enjoyed hiking, camping, whitewater rafting, skiing and mountain climbing.

Dr. Poole died on March 19th after an admirable and courageous fight following an emergency surgery to correct a dissecting aortic aneurysm. He was an inspiration to family, physicians and hospital staff.

# A TRIBUTE

## HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring before this Congress the following outstanding young people who have voluntarily served orphans, public school children, college students, juvenile delinquents, and needy families under the official invitation and authority of government agencies in Russia, Mongolia, Romania, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and China. The excellent character demonstrated by these young people, as well as their commitment to the principles upon which our Nation was founded, have not only attracted the attention of leaders, parents, the media, and students, but it has also brought honor to the United States of America and to the Lord Jesus Christ whom they serve.

Adams, Grant (OK); Aguilar, Nikki (CA); Allen, Jessica (TX); Allen, Rebekah (KS); Alspaugh, Alissa (OK); Alspaugh, Julie (OK); Altman, Rachel (OH); Alvarez, Humberto (MEX); Anders, Erin (MI); Atherton, Tiffany (KS); Backus, Pamela (AR); Baggott, Jessica (NY); Bair, Aileen (IL); Bair, Robert (IL); Baker, Rachel (OK); Ballmann, Christie Ruth (TX); Ballmann, Karyn (TX); Bartlow, Jeremy (TX); Bartlow, Joshua (TX).

Bavido, Bonnie Jean (OK); Bean, Amy (CA); Beaulieu, Anna (MN); Becker, Jeremy (MS); Becker, Johanna (MS); Behrens, Katherine (MI); Bell, Elaine (TX); Bell, Lauren (TX); Bell, Mike (TX); Bender, Anthony (CA); Bender, Patty M (CA); Bender, Steven (CA); Bohlen, Daniel (MI); Bollinger, Chiree (MO); Bourne, Clifford (PA); Bourne, Daniel (PA); Bourne, William (PA); Boyd, Hannah (TX); Boyd, Rachel (MI).

Brook, Nolan (VA); Brown, Kathryn (CA); Brubaker, David (PA); Brubaker, Emily (PA); Brubaker, Jeni (PA); Brubaker, Leon (PA); Brubaker, Luke (PA); Brubaker, Mary (PA); Brubaker, Nathan (PA); Burge, Everett (AR); Burnett, Lydia (CAN); Bushatz, Luke (OH); Busse, Jenece (MO); Canterbury, Debra (FL); Carlisle, Jeshua (MO); Cato, Cheryl (LA); Cato, David (LA); Cato, Timothy (LA); Cavanaugh, Daniel (IL).

Cavanaugh, Micah (KY); Chen, Anna (NY); Chen, Faith (NY); Chen, Grace (NY); Chen,